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DIARY NOTES

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30 September 1964

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. The Director expressed his concern about in-bound, rush-hour traffic on the George Washington Parkway. He thought that sometime we might have to deliver something to the White House or the Department of State in a hurry and that we would be completely bottled up in a traffic jam. He asked me to take a look at this situation to determine what plans are in being for the future and what, if any, special arrangements could be made to get us to town quickly if necessary.

b. General Carter announced that Mr. Olsher had called to set up a meeting with Congressman Patman at 1600 hours tomorrow.

c. The Director has been appointed a member of the committee to study the recommendations of the Warren Commission. It was decided that each member of the committee could have one staff man who would attend all meetings and spend full time working on the project. The Director asked Dick Helms and Larry Houston to suggest some man who could spend full time on this project until about the first of the year. The Director emphasized that his committee membership was a personal assignment and has nothing to do with his official position as the Director of Central Intelligence.

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2. I met with [redacted] Alan Warfield, [redacted] and others to discuss Project [redacted]. I felt very strongly that it would be operationally advantageous to build our radio relay station [redacted]. Assuming that this is true, which I do, it certainly would be administratively advantageous, and I asked him to redraft his memorandum to make a strong pitch in this direction.

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3. Alan Warfield wishes to send [redacted] to replace [redacted] at the [redacted]. I agreed with this, but it will involve a replacement for [redacted] in the [redacted]. (I asked [redacted] to look into this.)

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4. Alan Warfield and [redacted] are convinced that the Transportation Division should be made a staff function. I told Alan to discuss this with [redacted]. Although I have no strong feeling either way, I do feel strongly

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that we must not oversimplify the requirement for expertise in the transportation area. This is a fairly complicated field in which colleges and universities are now offering majors, and the Army has established an entire Transportation Corps. (I don't care how they organize this function, but I want to make sure that they don't kid themselves into thinking that they don't need real expertise in this field.)

5. Emmett Echols was in to discuss several items.

a. Emmett reported that General Carter approved our retirement regulations; however, he does not want Emmett to go to the Bureau of the Budget or anyone else until Mr. McCone has been briefed--if he wants to be briefed. General Carter laid this requirement on Emmett. Emmett was concerned about the activation of a Retirement Board to implement these regulations. We must give some prompt consideration to this. Emmett suggested the possibility of [redacted] as staff members of the Board. A good chairman and the membership itself will be very important.

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b. Emmett talked to me about taking a trip to the Far East and taking his wife with him, at his expense of course. I said that I had no objection to this in principle but that I did not see how he could possibly plan on a trip until sometime after the first of the year at the earliest.

c. Emmett invited me to the Blood Donor ceremony on 13 October at which Mr. Kirkpatrick will preside. I said that I would try to attend.

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6. Emmett Echols talked to me about the case of [redacted]. (I want to pull out my file on this and re-examine the situation. As I recall, I committed myself to keep [redacted] on the payroll until he was age 60, not 62, and I think that I should face this situation and ensure that his service is discontinued as soon as he reaches age 60.)

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7. Larry Houston and I discussed some of the problems in the Far East concerning competition and alleged competition with Air America. He left with me a proposed cable to substitute for the one which [redacted] gave me yesterday. At the moment I am waiting for still another version from George.

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